

Withdrawal or Army Officers from DGBR

*371. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to withdraw Army Officers from DGBR; if so, by when; and
- (b) whether Government do not find any GREF officers to man DGBR who have vast knowledge and experience of the Department?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) GREF officers are also manning the Directorate General of Border Roads.

Premature release of TAD A Detemies

*372. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have considered cases of terrorists arrested under TADA and released them prematurely;
- (b) whether Government would review cases of Police Officers in jail or those facing trial for anti-terrorist operations; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As per the directions of the Supreme Court in the Kartar Singh's case in 1994, Review Committees have been constituted both at the Centre and at State level to review whether provisions of the Terrorist And Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, (TADA) have been correctly invoked in each case and consider further course of action in every matter in relation thereto. As a result of the reviews conducted by the Central Review Committee, it has been noted that the provisions of TADA were correctly applied against the accused in all cases handled by the Central Bureau of Investigation.